

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: RURAL IOWA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION AND IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION; ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS, L.C., ET AL.; AND COON VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL.	DOCKET NOS. SPU-04-3 SPU-04-5 SPU-04-6
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ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued June 30, 2004)

On June 24, 2004, the Wireless Coalition for Intermodal Portability (Wireless Coalition) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a "Motion for Extension of Time to File Testimony." Specifically, Wireless Coalition requests the Board extend the deadline for filing its testimony from June 28 until July 6, 2004. Wireless Coalition also requests the Board extend the deadline for reply testimony from July 14 to July 22, 2004.

In support of its request, Wireless Coalition states that it discussed the proposed extension dates with the Iowa Telecommunications Association, NPCR, Inc., d/b/a Nextel Partners, and Sprint Corporation, d/b/a Sprint PCS and received no objection. Wireless Coalition states that the Board previously granted a similar motion to extend time for the petitioners in this docket.

Pursuant to federal law, the deadline for Board action in this docket is October 6, 2004, and the procedural schedule in this docket, established in the Board's April 23, 2004, order and modified on May 11, 2004, was created to allow the Board to act on the petition in a timely manner. The hearing for this docket is scheduled for August 10, 2004, and the Board's availability precludes setting the hearing for a later date. The extension of time proposed by Wireless Coalition would not allow sufficient time for the Board to prepare for the hearing in this docket. Therefore, the request for an extension of time is denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The "Motion for Extension of Time to File Testimony" filed by the Wireless Coalition for Intermodal Portability on June 24, 2004, is denied.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30th day of June, 2004.